

A SERENADE.

SPEECH BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Remarks by Several Cabinet Officers.

Fresh Expositions of "Policy."

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, May 23, 1866.
The President and the various members of his Cabinet were associated to-night by the National Union Club, attended by a very large concourse of citizens, numbering several thousands. The President was the first to be complimented in this way. In acknowledgment of it, he came out in front of the Executive Mansion, and standing on the coping of the balustrade, he made a very brief speech. His appearance was a signal for enthusiastic greetings. His words were as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

FELLOWS-CITIENS.—Appearing before you this evening, it is my duty for the purpose of tendering to you my thanks, my sincere thanks, for this demonstration, and for the approbation which you have manifested on this occasion, and many congratulations. I thank you, my friends, for your hearty and cordial greeting to me under existing circumstances. All that will be necessary to sustain the supports and maintenance of correct principles, and the day is not far off when the American people will see and appreciate the good work which you have done. [Cheers.] I repeat my thanks for your approbation of my conduct. The President then retired and hurrahed applause.

MR. F. W. Seward's SPEECH.

The party next called the review of the Secretary of State. In the absence of Mr. Seward, the compliment was acknowledged by Mr. Frederick W. Seward, who said—

WALTER-CITIENS.—In behalf of the Secretary of State I thank you sincerely for this manifestation of your kindness. I regret that he is not here to-night; for I am sure that it would give him pleasure to be here. I thank you, my friends, for your hearty and cordial greeting to me under existing circumstances. These are my views. [Cheers.]

The Secretary of War was next called upon. In acknowledgment of his compliment, Mr. Welles said—

SECRETARY WELLES'S SPEECH.

I thank you, gentlemen, for this compliment, which I suppose is to the Administration and its policy, which we one and all approve. [Cheers.] You need not expect any remarks from me; if I do not intend to make any. You are one and all for the administration, and especially for the restoration of the Union. These are my views. [Cheers.]

The Secretary of War was next called upon, the band playing "Hail! Round the Flag." When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and other airs.

SECRETARY STANTON'S SPEECH.

SECRETARY STANTON.—I received a note from the Secretary of the National Union Johnson Club, telling me it was the design of the Association to welcome the President and his Cabinet, and that I would be called upon at my residence. Immediately on receipt of this note, a reply was sent to the Secretary, assuring him that I would be present at my residence. The band played "Hail! Round the Flag." When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and other airs.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL M'CULLOCH'S SPEECH.

FELLOW-CITIENS.—You are aware that I am not in the habit of making speeches, and I take it for granted, therefore, that in making this call upon you, my intended only to pay me a visit, and not to enter into a formal or elaborate speech. As the proposed plan now stands, I am unable to perceive the necessity, justice, or wisdom of the measure. But having no place nor voice in the body politic, I am compelled to speak, and I do so, with a sense of pain, and with a desire to impress upon you the expression of my own opinion. Having thus declared my views, as they have heretofore been declared to those who had a right to know them, on the material questions that have arisen, or are likely to arise, I shall be glad if, through their expression may have been beneficial influence in questions, the right division whereof is of infinite importance to every patriotic man, and in doing so, I hope to do my duty to the country, and to the cause of our Union.

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